





YOU READ THE LIVELIEST LETTERS IN VIZ



Telly Trouble

Whilst watching T.V. the other night my husband pointed out

that the sereen was blank,

Hardly surprising as we had forgotten to switch our television on. Luckily we both saw the funny side.

Mrs. A. Dunn Colchester

You can keep your Burt Reynolds and your Roger Moores.

With his bright outlook and sunny spells TV weatherman Michael Fish is just my cup of tea.

> Mrs P. Harper Felixstowe

You ? ASK WE ??? ANSWER

Can you tell me why my fridge is cold whereas my oven is hot? Both are powered by electricity.

> Mrs E. Tomlin, Doncaster

Well Mrs Tomlin, thot's reolly quite on eosy one. All electricity is mode up of positive ond negotive porticles which are represented by plus (+) ond minus (-) signs respectively. Your fridge (or refrigerotor) is designed to keep things ot o low temperature where os your oven is for cooking (the preporotion of food by the oction of heat).

For more information obout electricity you can contact your local electricity board or any mojor branch of the post office.

Is there something boffling you? Write to us, ond we'll onswer, 'You Ask, We Answer', Viz Comic, Viz House, 16 Lily Crescent, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 2SP. Our old washing machine is on the verge of breaking down.

Luckily we are planning to buy a new one shortly.

Mrs. I. Carter Horesham

How I miss charming TV weatherman Jack Scott. My forecasts are always dull and overcast without him.

> Mrs P. Harper Felixstowe

I still think the Royal Family are marvellous and that they do a wonderful job.

> Mrs L. Hammond Suffolk

Cinema Trouble

Recently a friend and I decided to visit our local cinema to view a film.

Imagine our surprise to find it had been turned into a supermarket I4 years ago.

> J.B. Kirkham Louth, Lines.

* Write ond tell us your crozy cinema story. £5 for the best letter.

Mornings wouldn't be the same without my bacon, eggs and scrumptious TV weatherman Francis Wilson.

He could forecast my periods any day.

Mrs P. Harper Felixstowe

Shopping Trouble

I dread taking my three year old son to the supermarket with me. He thinks he is helping by filling my trolley with everything he can lay his hands on.

However, by the time 1 reach the eheckout 1 am often faced with a bill for over £300.

> Mrs L. Wagstaffe Rochester

Whenever I tune in I'm always turned on by lively TV weatherman Ian McCasgill.

His long range outlook and warm isobars are just what it takes to pressurise by overcast intervals.

> Mrs P. Harper Felixstowe

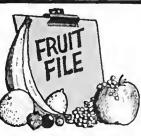
Difficulty Trouble

I wonder if any of your readers have difficulty in remembering their addresses.

I find it always helps if I write mine on a small piece of paper and keep it handy whenever I leave the house.

> H. Lofthouse Somerset

Write to Britoin's liveliest letters page of: Letterbox, Viz Comic, Viz House, 16 Lily Crescent, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 2SP. There's o prize for every letter we print, ond o fiver for the liveliest letter received.



- In 1968 Mr K.M. Muir of Clacton, Essex grew a Strawberry weighing in at 6 oz.
- Rulubarb has the lowest calorific volue of all fruit, consisting of 94.9% water.
- There is a 10% loss of vitamin C in all cooked fruit. Blaekeurrants contain a larger amount of vitamin C than lemons.
- Strawberries are an expensive fruit. Their price, which depends lorgely upon the time of year, can be as much os £1 per punnet.
- In Britain each person probably eats an average of around 172 oranges a year, a total value of £20.74 if they were 12p each.
- Citrus fruits include oranges and lemons whilst apples are a hord fruit. Rhuborb is a different kind of fruit.
- There is room for over 500 apples inside a mini ear. In fact, there might even be room for 1,000
- If the Prime Minister wos to spend her entire salary on fruit, she could probably buy sufficient grapefruit to fill Wembley Stadium.



We have had an amazing response to our terrific Vicar Joke Competition in which we offered £1 to the sender of the funniest Vicar Joke

we received.

VICAR JOKI

Entries are still flooding in and we have decided to extend the closing date for the competition. All entries should now be received by no later than 1st November 1988.

if you know a funny Vicar Joke, send it on a postcard to: Vicar Joke Competition, Viz Comic, 16 Lliy Crescent, Newcastie upon Tyne NE2 2SP. The winner wiii be announced in our next issue, but to keep you going here are a sample of jokes we have received so far.

What do you call a vicar on a bike?

A cyclist.

David Forster, Whickham.

THIS IS THE CONTINUING STORY OF A DISTRAUGHT WORLD, AN UNSUSPECTING WORLD THAT WAS ABOUT TO WITNESS ... AWN OF THE

RALPH WATSON WAS A MILKMAN. HE ENJOYED HIS JOB. THIS PARTICULAR DAY WAS A SUMMER SATURDAY, RALPHWAS COLLECTING HIS WEEK'S TAKINGS. IT WAS A VERY HOT DAY ...





ALL WAS NOT WELL IN ROSEBERRY GARDENS

























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with a bulldozer and flattened the hotel.

I happen to enjoy drinking. I drank vodka standing on my head until I was about fourteen. Nowadays I prefer 75 pints of beer, down the hatch in one. And that's nothing. I often drink twice that much without needing the toilet.

but in the event I came back

SMASH

If I go out for a meal it's as if an earthquake has hit town. I usually smash the table with my girlfriend or use the chairs as a knife and fork. In one restaurant I ordered twelve colour televisions, chewed them up and spat them in the waiter's face.

GUMPTION

My crazy diet of electrical appliances and broken glass often leads to stomach trouble. I often have to pump it myself—with a gallon of liquid

Gumption and an industrial vacuum cleaner.

<u>'l ate</u> <u>fourteen</u> <u>dolphins</u>'

I'm pretty well known for my crazy and dangerous pranks. A friend once bet me £500 that I wouldn't eat a live goldfish. I took him along to the zoo and ate 14 dolphins before I was sick. Afterwards I ate another six.

BLEW UP

On another occasion I drank ten pints of nitroglycerine and then locked myself in a friend's washing machine. When he switched it on I blew up, destroying his entire house.

I'm also well known for going through doors without opening them. I had a 36 room mansion built for me in Hollywood without a single door in it. I prefer to make them myself by barging through the walls head first.

DAMAGE

I always pay for any damage I cause — unless I don't particularly feel like it. Being a hell-raiser can turn out to be a pretty expensive business.

EXPANDS

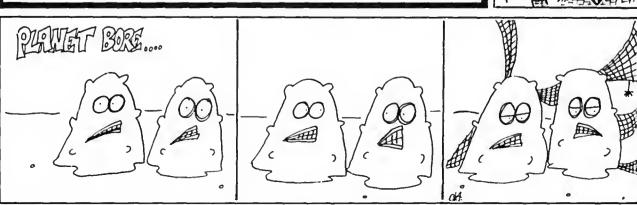
I normally get through at least a dozen shirts a week because my body expands to twice its normal size whenever I get angry. A bit like the Incredible Hulk actually. Many friends have taken to calling me 'the Werewolf' because I can change so dramatically. Come to think of it my face does get quite hairy sometimes.

As a matter of fact there have been a few sheep found torn limb from limb in the fields near where I live. And I do get the odd bloodstain on my clothing when I wake up in the mornings.

Next week Ollie describes his X-ray vision and reveals that only kryptonite rays can kill him.

Oliver Reid is a gas fitter from Birmingham and in no way connected with Oliver Reed, the wellknown British film actor.





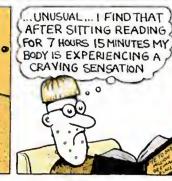
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WAY ABOUT ME



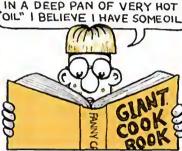
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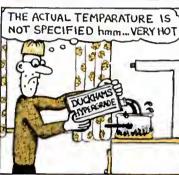


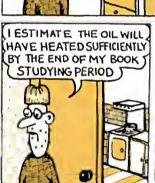
HE'S A PAININ THE BUM





hmm ... "CHIPS MUST BE FRIED















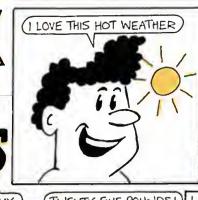
AH! BUT OF COURSE, I MUST OBSERVE THE CORRECT PROCEDURE ... A TELEPHONE CALL IS IN ORDER















































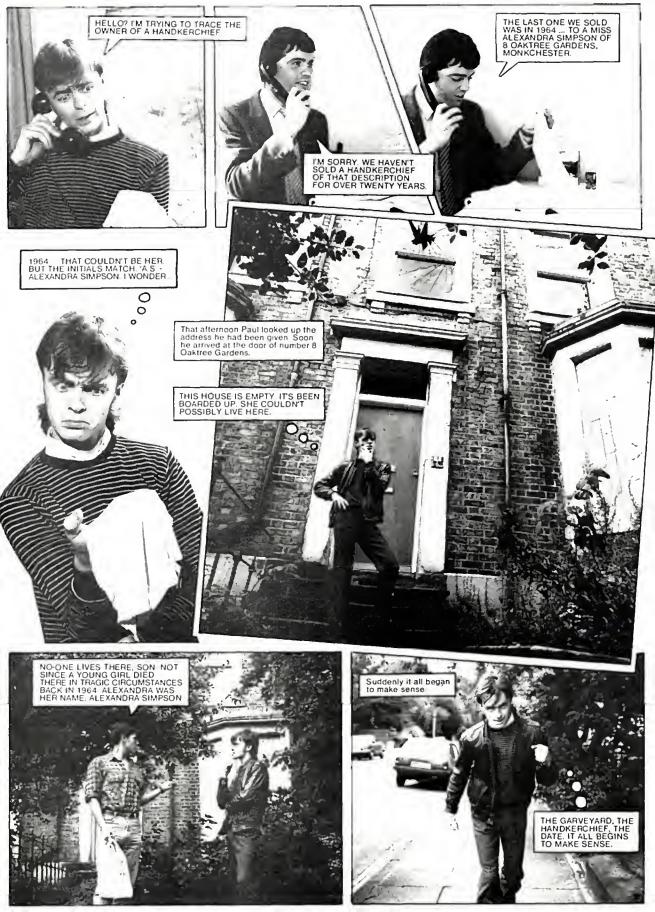


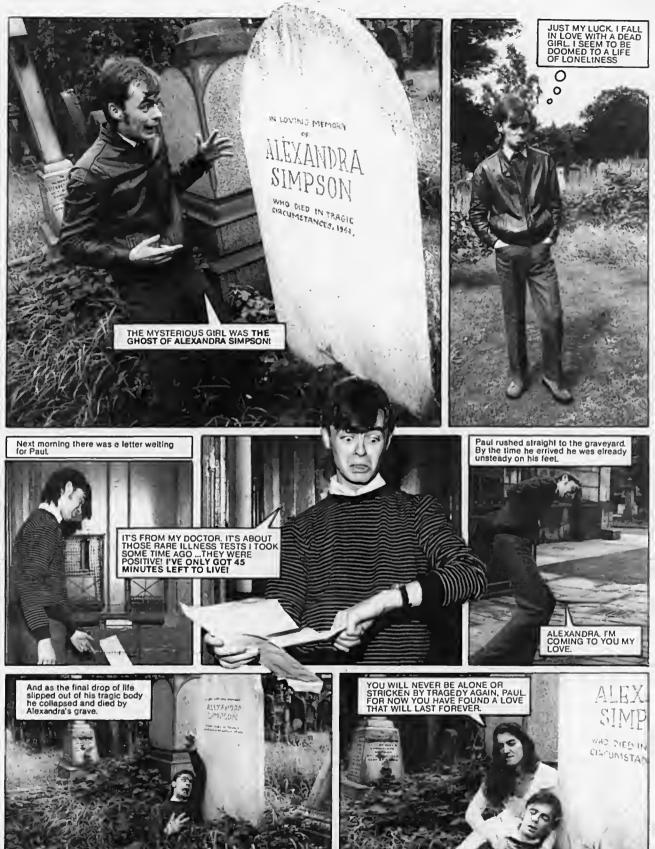










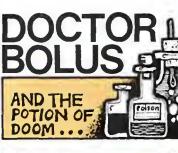


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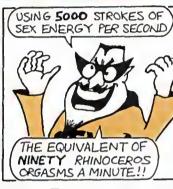


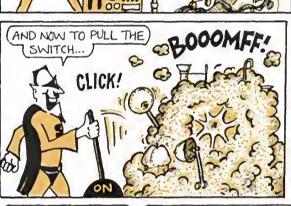


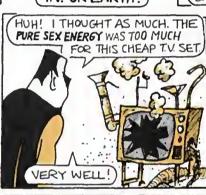
























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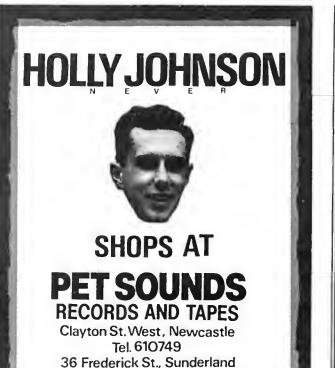
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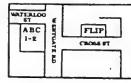
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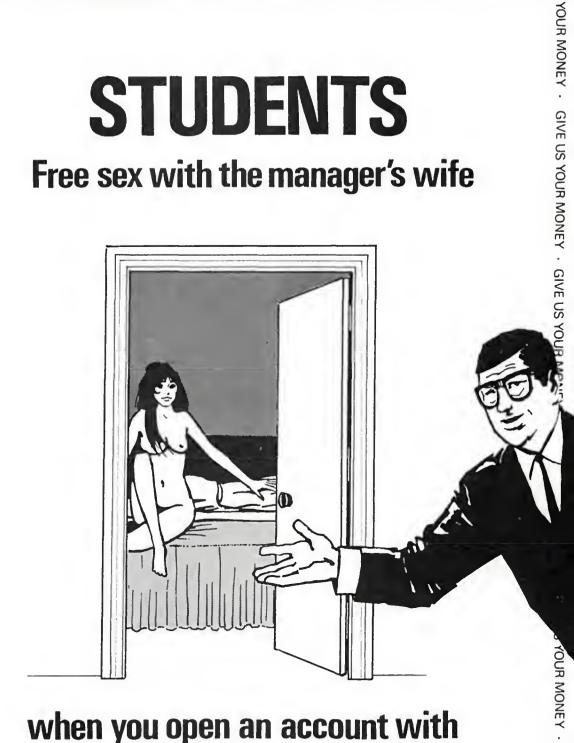
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VOLUME GO TOP!



This issue's Top Ten is dominated by the Volume Record label who made a last minute block purchase of the entire chart. For a mere £10 they purchased all ten chart places and were then able to select the top ten records of their choice.

If you're a recording artist, band or record label we're offering you a once in a lifetime opportunity to have your very own Christmas Hit! Yes, all ten places in our December Top Ten are up for grabs. There's no need to worry about airplay, sales or distribution. That elusive hit single could be yours this Christmas for the price of a pint of beer.

To make your record a Christmashitsimplycomplete the form below and send it together with a cheque (and a copy of the record if

CHRISTMAS HIT OFFER

possible) to: Christmas Hit Offer, Viz Top Ten, Viz Comic, Viz House, 16 Lily Crescent, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 2SP.

Obviously the more money you send the higher your single will climb. But don't worry. Amere £1 will almost guarantee you a Top Ten place. But hurry - all entries must be received by no later than 1st November.

I/We would like our single to appear in the Viz Top Ten chart.

Name of artist

Title

Label

I/we enclose a cheque for £_____(payable to "Viz Comic")

THE TORPEDOES - DIRECT HIT AT NOT WITH 'HIGHER & HIGHER

11	VigTOP 10
=	EAST SIDE TORPEDOES Higher & Higher
=	THE EDGE Take A Walk/Round,Round,Round
=1	TOY DOLLS James Bond (lives down our street)
4	HUSKER DU Eight Miles High
5	MAE WEST Great Balls Of Fire
6	THE CURE Foxy Lady
7	PEGGY LEE Fever
8	MARTHA & THE VANDELLAS Dancing In The Street
9	VAN HALEN You Really Got Me
10	MANDY MILLER Nellie The Elephant

KITCHENWARE PARTY Spent spent spent! Now

- Halland Latt /

all that lolly's gone

Only a year ago North East based record label Kitchenware were celebrating a string of top 40 hits and LP successes. Names like Prefab Sprout and The Kane Gang were never far from the headlines. Record sales were soaring and the money was rolling in.

IS OVER

CRASH

But now Kitchenware are in trouble. The hits have run out and it seems that the extravagant spending of recent months has begun to take its toll.

In the same week that The Kane Gang announced they have no immediate plans to record, a second-hand shop only yards from Kitchenware's Newcastle offices was offered a variety of second-hand musical instruments for sale.

SLUMP

And while Prefab Sprout's L.P. 'Steve McQueen' drifts aimlessly in the lower reaches of the album charts, sales of the record are definitely falling. In the hour we spent at a

popular city centre record store not one copy of the L.P. was bought.

COLLAPSE

When we contacted Kitchenware for a comment their telephone was engaged. However a spokesman for the North East Electricity Board confirmed that several businesses in the Newcastle area were having difficulty paying their electricity accounts, although he would not confirm that Kitchenware were among them.



October 1982 — we reported on Kitchenware's phenomenal success.

EXCLUSIVE - THE POP SCOOP OF THE CENTURY!!

THE BEATLES **ARE BACK!**

`Fab Four' re-form

-new album due

Yes, it's true. Fifteen years after they split up pop legends The Beatles are set to reform. And work on a new album is already underway.

Surviving members of the most successful pop group in the history of the world have eonsistently denied rumours that the band had been planning a eomebaek. But it now seems certain that the best selling artists ever in the history of popular music will soon be back in business.

LIVERPOOL

The mastermind behind the move is Johnny Johnson, a Liverpool based plumber and life long fan of the fab four. He spoke to us from a recording studio in London where work has already begun on a new Beatles L.P.

"It just seemed right after all this time that the band should get together again", he told us. "Obviously there were problems, and bearing in mind the sad

'It just seemed right after all this time'

loss of John Lennon there was a need for a new guitarist and songwriter. The obvious ehoice was John's son Julian, but with him living in the States there was going to be transport problems. Luckily a friend of mine plays guitar so I asked him if he would do the job".



The Beatles as they were - in 1964

Unfortunately none of the remaining Beatles, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr were interested and so Johnson had to reeruit a further three musicians before rehearsals could begin.

"I decided to do the singing myself so I really only needed another two", he explained.

LIVERPOOL

"I put an ad, in the Liverpool Eeho and got fixed up with a drummer straight away. He knew a bass player who wasn't working so we signed him up and started rehearsing for the new L.P."

Although the album isn't due out until next year, recording and writing are already well under way.

"All the material on the album is going to be new stuff, and I can already see a change in musical direction beginning to come through," Johnny told us. "The old stuff still stands the tests of time, but there's a lot of new ideas coming through and I think a few of our fans might be pleasantly surprised with the results."

STRAWBERRY

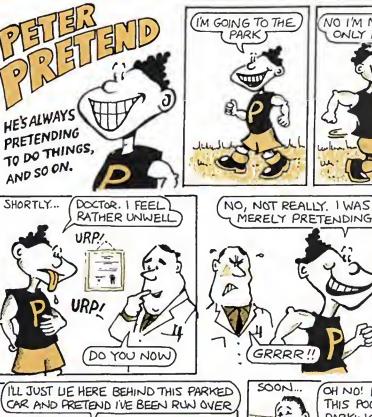
If you were too young to eateh The Beatles first time round. you'll have a chance to see them on their comback tour which will be timed to coincide with the release of their new album. The L.P., which is due in the shops by mid-1986, is provisionally titled 'Strawberry Roads Tomorrow'.

Professor Piehe













COLOUR £10























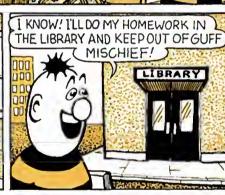
















































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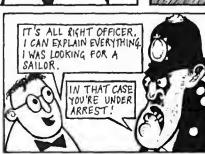




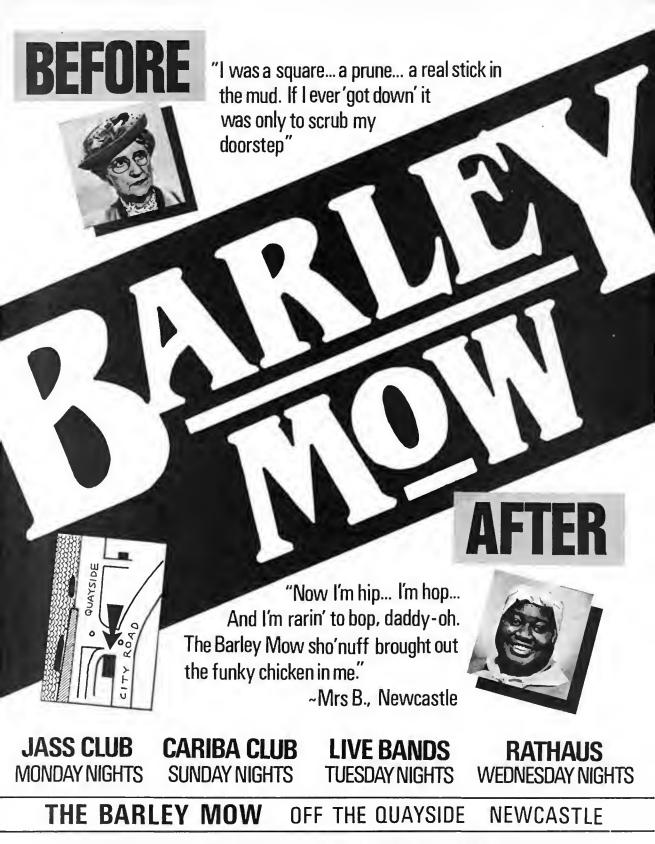












'TODAY THE QUAYSIDE... TOMORROW THE WORLD'

Can I have my missile back?

-asks baffled Bob

Lorry driver Bob Tucker was today appealing to heartless thieves who made off with his missile launcher late yesterday evening.

Bob, who is 27, parked his 100 ton vehicle in a Berkshire lay-by while he went to buy cigarettes from a roadside garage. But seconds later he returned to find his missile launcher gone, and with it the £20 million Cruise missile he had been carrying.

"I'd just run out of cigarettes so I stopped and popped into the shop. I was only gone for a second", he explained.

Theft

Bob, who works for the Ministry of Defence. fears that if he doesn't get the missile back, he may soon be looking for a new job.

"I can't think what anyone would want with it", he told us today after reporting the theft to local police.

Police

"It's so big and cumbersome. I doubt if it would be any use to anyone.

"Whoever it was, I just hope they have the decency to bring it back, or if not, to call the police and tell them where it is", he added.

• If anyone sees the missile launcher, which is large, green and carrying a live nuclear warhead. they should give Bob a ring on Greenham 257 or report it to their nearest police station.



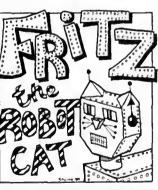
'Where's my missile?" Bob with cigarettes but no missile launcher.

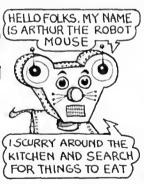
Wham! sizzlers

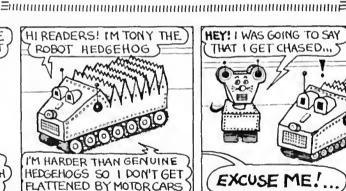
Dishy teen idol George Miehael, star of pop group Wham! is a sausage freak!

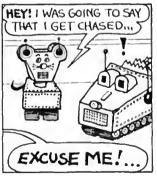
Six footer George, eurrently on tour with partner Andrew Ridgely keeps a collection of over 5,000 sausages from all around the world at his London home.

And George never travels far without a sausage. On his present tour of the United States George has a juiey banger at hand at all times. For as well as instruments and stage gear, the band's road erew are also entrusted with six bin liners — containing George's personal sausage supply.

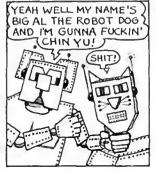


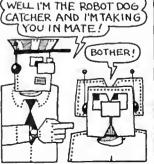
















BORN HALF MAN, HALF FISH, UNITED'S BRILLIANT YOUNG KEEPER BILLY THOMSON HAD BEEN TAKEN PRISONER BY GUS PARKER, EVILTEAM BOSS OF ARCH RIVALS GRIMTHORPE CITY ... CD 8.85

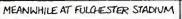
WITHOUT THE MISSING 'FISH BOY' WONDER AND AMIDST UNUSUAL OCCURENCES AT FULCHESTER STADIUM A DISAPPOINTING UNITED SIDE HAD SLUMPED TO TWELVE NIL DOWN BY HALF-TIME IN THEIR ALL IMPORTANT CUP CLASH WITH MUCH FANCIED ROSSDALE

ROVERS ...

MEANWHILE AT THE GRIMTHORPE TRAINING CAMP GUS PARKER HAS JUST LEARNT OF THOMSON'S DEATH UNDER HYPMOSIS

DID YOU BURY THE FISH KID) YEAH BOSS. ITLL BE ! LIKE I TOLD YOU, WILF? A REAL NICE SURPRISE FOR TOMMY BROWN!





ODD! THE ENTIRE TEAM HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP AND THE GAME RESTARTS IN 2 MINUTES!



DON'T WORRY, I'D SUSPECTED THAT THE HALF-TIME TEA WOULD BE DRUGGED SO I HIRED A TEAM OF ACTORS TO



THE REAL FULCHESTER TEAM ARE IN HERE. WIDE AWAKE AND READY FOR THE SECOND HALF. TERRIFIC!









WITH THE YOUNG FISH BOY DEAD WE'LL HAVE TO THROW EVERYTHING INTO ATTACK! IF ONLY WE HAD A STRIKER ON THE BENCH 100 0 mm c ISN'T OLD REX FINDLAY STILL REGISTERED AS



THE 64 YEAR OLD VETERAN COMES ON WITH TEN MINUTES LEFT TO PLAY HEY LOOK EVERYONE



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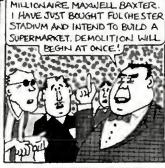


AND THE GOALS KEPT COMING. IT'S THERE!









STOP THE GAME! I AM RUTHLESS

IS BILLY THE FISH REALLY DEAD! CAN BUND REX FINDLAY COMPLETE HIS QUADRUPLE HATRICK AND SAVE THE GAME FOR UNITED? OR WILL RUTHLESS MAXWELL BAXTER DEMOLISH THE STADIUM, AND WITH

IT THE CLUB? SEE NEXT ISSUE



VIZ IS TOPS SAYS BOB

Two months ago life was looking pretty grim for unemployed car mechanic Bob Jones, 45.

That was until Bob, 46, happened to buy a copy of Viz Comio after newsagent Terry Jackson had recommended it. Terry told Bob that Viz was a winnerand fun for the whole family.

JOB

Bob took the comic home, and the next day, he got a job.

PRETTY

Bob's pretty wife wouldn't mise Viz for the earth. She told us how after she had read a copy she regained her eyesight which she had lost in a car crash years ago.

Fulchester Echo 2 June'83

And not long after Bob had placed a regular order for Viz, his 5 year old crippled nephew, who specialiste had given only seconds to live, was miraculously cured, and won the pools the next day.

FORTUNE

And while Bob and family were celebrating, they heard that a distant aunt had died, leaving them a fortune. On hearing the good news, Bob's wife, Carol, 42, who had been sterile since her car craeh, gave birth to triplets. Yesterday Bob told us that

Carol and the kids were all doing well, and looking forward to cashing their £500,000 premium bonds jackpot which had arrived that morning.

WINNER

So if you're looking for a little sunshine in your life, buy Viz! It's a winnerli

A final word from Bob -"I would recommend Viz to anyone - it's a real fun value winner - for all the family".

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